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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Joachim Rigling

Title: WASTE CONTAINER, PARTICULARLY BIO HAZARD BIN FOR  
COLLECTING MEDICAL WASTE

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT - SECTION 1.97(b)

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.97 and 1.98, applicants' representative hereby submits US Patent & Trademark Office Form PTO-1449. Copies of the references cited therein are submitted for consideration in the examination of the above-referenced patent application. It is respectfully requested that they be made of record, along with whatever references the Examiner may find in the course of a search, should the Examiner consider them material to the subject application.

The reference, in addition to having the same inventor as the present invention, has been discussed in the introductory part of the application. The reference does not disclose that, in a hazardous waste collection container, particularly for medical waste, comprising a top part with a discard opening and a discard opening lid for opening and closing the discard opening, the discard opening lid comprises a retaining element and a closure element which is releasably engaged within the retaining element and the discard opening includes side walls with a closure collar provided with engagement means, and the closure member includes an engagement structure which is engaged by the engagement means of the closure collar when the closure member is pushed out of the retaining

element into the discard opening for irreversibly locking the closure member in the discard opening.

This Statement is hereby submitted under Section 1.97(b) since it is being submitted concurrently with the filing of the above-referenced application.

Respectfully submitted,

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